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THE GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT.

About three weeks ago Fort Pierce had a great good roads rally when banners were spread to the breeze and everybody became hoarse shouting the glorious refrain of "good roads." As a climax to this day of highway celebration the St. Lucie County Good Roads Association was formed with over fifty enthusiastic members who pledged hearty support and backing to any movement that would better road conditions in St. Lucie county.

Twenty hours later a meeting of the association was held, by-laws were adopted and a board of directors elected. A week later the directors met, committees were appointed and to a certain extent an outline of work was adopted. Now all this was in the right direction and a good start along the road of improvement.

During the last two weeks we have not heard any mention of the association, and no live concern can afford to let the public forget its existence for that length of time.

For heaven's sake lets keep it alive and don't let it die of stagnation and starvation, as did the Boosters' Club and other organizations. Fool the knockers and make the association a power worth considering. In this issue we publish the by laws of the St. Lucie County Good Roads Association, which will be issued in pamphlet form in a few days and distributed among the members.

If any "Citizen" knows of any violation of the law, whiskey selling included, and fails to give his evidence to the officials, he is concealing crime and therefore as guilty as the criminal.

STATE NEWS

This season's oranges are now on the market in South Florida.

Preparation for fall and winter crops is occupying the time of the East Coast trucker and grower.

Rosh Hashanah, or the Jewish New Year, began last Saturday and is observed by all orthodox Jews the world over.

Mrs. Emily Whitehurst, a Tampa widow, was arrested last Thursday for obtaining money from a bank on false pretenses.

Duncan Frierson, 25 years old, was killed at Brooksville last week in the presence of his parents, while cleaning his revolver.

The Hendry family, pioneers in the cattle business in South Florida, recently refused \$200,000 for their cattle holdings in Lee county.

Judge Fish, of the Volusia county criminal court, sends all violators of the game law to the chain-gang for sixty days, if they are colored.

V. T. Rouse and T. H. Higgins, two Tampa men who were bruised up by an auto driven by Miss Marie Rebel, have brought suit for \$3,000 damages.

St. Augustine has a school association that furnishes soup and lunch to the children at noon-time, the cost being paid by public subscription.

Great schools of mullet—millions of them—are running in the surf outside, and as a result the fishermen are making big catches and large profits, says the Miami Herald.

A big two day missionary meeting commemorating the fifteenth anniversary of the work of women for women in heathen countries will be held in Jacksonville October 11-22.

A large number of stingrays of all sizes, apparently killed with dynamite, floated ashore at Georgiana, one day last week, and were used to fertilize the groves, one man getting two wheelbarrow loads.

C. C. Turlington, of Kissimmee, is charged with trying to assassinate R. O. Meek, his step-son, on Monday night of last week. Meek's mother willed him property valued at \$100,000, leaving the old man penniless.

A drive across the American continent, a distance of 3,000 miles, with a span of mules was ended at Tarpon Springs a short time ago by Mr. M. P. Kintz. He left Bremerton, Wash., in March last and traveled the long distance alone.

Washington census authorities has just given out that the aggregate increase in the value of animals, bees and poultry in Florida is \$9,381,000, and statistics show that there are now 1,229,680 chickens in Florida and about 22,871 turkeys.

Six thousand acres around Hastings will be planted in Irish potatoes this season.

Several arrests have been made recently in Key West for smuggling Cuban cigarettes into that city.

Fifty or more people from Kansas and Missouri arrived in Fort Lauderdale last Friday to make that place their homes.

Eula Brown, a colored woman, was run over and killed by a log train of the Upchurch Lumber Co., near St. Augustine, last Wednesday.

W. B. Crawford, of the Jacksonville police department, was the lucky man who got the much sought after job of probation officer for Duval county.

A few weeks ago C. D. Babcock married Miss Kathleen Moorman, of Belle view, and a few days later it leaked out that he had a family at Watertown, N. Y., and now Babcock is in jail.

The internal revenue collectors have called on the Tampa cigar manufacturers to pay the tax on all the cigars they have allowed their workmen in the last two years, and the manufacturers have struck against it.

E. M. Ward, special agent of the C. E. & M. railroad, was shot and killed on an excursion train Sunday by Alf McCulley, a contractor of Mulberry, while the train was at Arcadia. McCulley was jailed.

Learning through an anonymous letter that her five children, who had been taken away at night by their father, were in Savannah, Mrs. Minnie P. Gardner, of Barrow, left her sick bed, went to Savannah and got them through the police court.

Frank Hargis, of Tarpon Springs, is dead and five occupants of the car he was driving were injured, as the result of reckless driving last Saturday when he passed the standing car of Dep. C. McMillen near a bridge a few miles from Tampa.

C. E. Harper, a young man from Apalachicola who was visiting the soldier boys at Black Point, was drowned there about 2 o'clock Monday morning when he walked off the dock after returning from a trip to Jacksonville in a launch with several others. Private Holly, of Miami fell in at the same time but swam ashore.

Dr. J. J. Head, county treasurer of Hillsborough, has returned more than \$5,000 to the county school fund in compliance with his campaign pledge to restore all over \$2,000 received by him as fees. This speaks well for the Doctor and shows the people how their money can be saved or put to good use.

Pass-a-Grille, a strip of land 7 miles long and 1-4 of a mile wide lying in the Gulf five miles from the mainland near St. Petersburg, is the first town in the state to have a commission form of government, a mayor and two commissioners. Women and men owning property are allowed to vote but once others. Ten mills on the dollar is the assessment limit.

Sensational evidence indicating that Sadie Marchant, the Shaker, was not near death when chloroformed was administered to her by Egbert Gillette, head of the Shaker colony at Ashton, resulted in the coroner's jury finding him guilty of willful murder. Elizabeth Sears, who aided in the chloroforming, was not mentioned in the verdict but her case will be handled by the grand jury. Gillette is in jail at Kissimmee.

Twelve hundred eggs a day is the output of one Enterprise poultry yard. The citizens of Miami are working to have their promised federal building constructed of Miami rock.

The latest Tamoa prodigy is a child born with two front lower teeth, ready for biting, scratching and howling on its arrival.

On account of the socialistic opinions expressed by Prof. Calhoun, of the Florida State College for Women, some people are clamoring for his removal.

Conductor W. C. Bryce of the S. A. L. was shot through the ankle last Friday at Cedar Keys when his pistol fell from the holster while he was putting on his shoes.

Mrs. Frank Howell, of Fort Lauderdale, a bride of only five weeks, was burned to death last Thursday when she started a fire with kerosene. The remains were buried at Athens, Ga., her former home.

The first car of Florida grapefruit for this season was sent from Wabasso St. Lucie county, and sold in New York on Tuesday of last week, netting \$1,640.42 for the 250 boxes. It was pronounced fine by Mayor Gaynor.

H. C. Bood, a traveling man from Hartford, Conn., swam beyond the life line at Pablo Beach a few days ago, and a big shark bit his left arm. His companions fled and the wounded man had to fight the shark and struggle to the shore all alone.

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